

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Hu *et al.*

Appl. No. 09/033,662

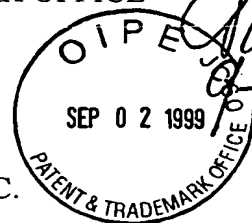
Filed: March 3, 1998

For: **Human Vascular Endothelial
Growth Factor 3**

Art Unit: 1646

Examiner: Saoud, C.

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Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated June 10, 1999, (PTO Prosecution File Wrapper Paper No.9), Applicants submit the following Amendment and Remarks.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Amendment

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

27. (Once Amended) An isolated polypeptide produced by expression of the cDNA clone contained in ATCC Deposit No. [97116] 97166.